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SUBJECT: W/W TANZANIAN PRESS ACCOUNT OF KIDNAPPING

1. BOTH ENGLISH AND SWAHILI LANGUAGE PRESSIN DAR ES SALAAM
MAY 22 HAVE FRONT PAGE ARTICLES ON KIDNAPPINGS. ENGLISH-
LANGUAGE ARTICLE FROM "DAILY NEWS" READS AS FOLLOWS:
QUOTE: ARMED BANDITS ENTERED GOMBE GAME RESERVE IN KIGOMA
REGION ON MONDAY AND ABDUCTED FOUR FOREIGNERS. THE BANDITS
ARE AT LARGE AND THE GOVERNMENT HAS MOUNTED AN INTENSIVE
SEARCH FOR THEM.

NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN ALERTED AND ASKED FOR
HELP IN TRACKING DOWN THE BANDITS.

A STATEMENT ISSUED YESTERDAY BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
IN DAR ES SALAAM SAID:
"AT GOMBE STREAM, ABOUT 16 KILOMETERS NORTH OF KIGOGA,
THERE IS A RESEARCH CENTRE IN A GAME RESERVE. IT IS BEING
RUN BY A WOMAN CALLED DR. JANE AND DEALS WITH CHIMPANZEES.
"ON MAY 19, BETWEEN TEN AND ELEVEN AT NIGHT ABOUT 30 OR 40
MEN, ARMED WITH MACHINE GUNS, RIFLES, AND PISTOLS CAME TO THE
CENTRE IN A BOAT.
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"FIRSTLY, THEY VISITED THE CAMP WHERE THEY TIED THE PARK RANVER AND THE RANVE LANCE CORPORAL WITH ROPES.

"THEN THEY WENT TO THE RESEARCH CENTRE, ABOUT A KILOMETER AWAY, WHERE THEY GOT HOLD OF THE NIGHT WATCHMAN, DEMANDING THAT HE TELL THEM WHERE THE EUROPEANS WERE STAYING.

"WHEN THE WATCHMAN HESITATED, THEY THREATENED TO KILL HIM. SO HE SHOWED THEM WHERE THE STUDENTS STAYED. THEN THEY TOOK AWAY THE FOUR FOREIGN STUDENTS--THREE GIRLS AND ONE MAN.

"THEN THEY WENT IN SEARCH OF THE HEAD OF THE CENTRE, DR. JANE. WHEN THEY GOT TO HER HOME, THEY FOUND NO ONE. SHE HAD RUN AWAY AND TAKEN COVER UPON HEARING THE SCREAMS.

"AFTER MISSING HER THEY LEFT WITH THE FOUR FOREIGNERS TO THEIR BOAT. THEY THEN LEFT, TAKING THE CENTRE'S BOAT WITH THEM. THEY LEFT BEHIND THOSE PEOPLE THEY TIED UP, SAYING THEY HAD NO BUSINESS WITH THEM, BECAUSE THEY WERE ONLY INTERESTED IN FOREIGNERS.

"THE BOAT THEN LEFT, HEADING TOWARDS LAKE TANGANYIKA. THE BANDITRY ENDED AT TWO IN THE MORNING.

"THESE BANDITS WERE SPEAKING FRENCH AND LINGALA. ALTHOUGH THEY WERE ARMED, THEY WERE NOT IN MILITARY UNIFORM. THIS INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED IN KIGOMA ON MAY 20 FROM THE RANGER WHO WAS TIED UP.

"AFTER GETTING INITIAL REPORTS, THE KIGOMA POLICE DISPATCHED A BOAT WITH 12 POLICEMEN TO THE SCENE OF THE INCIDENT. "POLICE HEADQUARTERS HAS SENT A HELICOPTER TO HELP TRACKING DOWN THE BANDITS. NDUGU BRYCESON, WHO IS DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL PARKS, HAS ALSO GONE TO KIGOMA IN THE POLICE HELICOPTER.

"BY THE TIME THIS STATEMENT IS BEING ISSUED NO SUCCESS HAS BEEN REGISTERED. BUT THE GOVERNMENT IS STILL WORKING HARD TO TRACK DOWN THE BANDITS. GOVERNMENTS OF NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN INFORMED TO HELP IN THE SEARCH FOR THE BANDITS WITHIN THEIR BORDERS." END QUOTE.

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2. ARTICLES DIFFER FROM INFORMATION HITHERTO AVAILABLE IN SEVERAL DETAILS. MAJOR DIFFERENCES ARE AS FOLLOWS: THE EXTRA DETAILS ON THE KIDNAPPING ITSELF AND THAT DR. GOODAL MAY HAVE BEEN A SPECIFIC TARGET; THE STATEMENT THAT THE GROUP WAS NOT RPT NOT IN UNIFORM; AND THAT FRENCH AND LINGALA WERE SPOKEN BY MEMBERS OF THE GROUP.

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